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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
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Mr. Malcolm Frost
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Dear Malcolm:

You undoubtedly know that some RAF communications installations on Cyprus were recently damaged by explosives, which action was attributed, by the press at least, to the Communists. I am sure you also have seen the publicity concerning the discovery of some 200 sticks of dynamite near our station on Cyprus, which is alleged to have been planted for sabotage against the station. There have been no overt acts which prove conclusively that these explosives were intended for use against our station, nor have there been any other acts which prove conclusively that an effort at sabotage is being made. However, we have good reason to believe that agents on Cyprus hostile to our mission have been instructed to exhaust all possible efforts to sabotage the station.

[] has taken every reasonable precaution against such action. He is, however, having some difficulty in getting what he believes to be adequate protection from the Cyprus police. From what [] writes me, I am of the opinion that [] is fully aware of the situation and appreciates the seriousness of it. However he, of course, has no guards under his control. The Commissioner of Police, unfortunately, is not so sympathetic and has reluctantly provided a certain amount of police protection. He has indicated, however, that this protection will be withdrawn in the not too distant future. We have requested permission of the proper authority to deputize and arm our own guards if and when the Cyprus police are withdrawn.

I feel that it would be extremely unfortunate if at this stage of the game anything should happen to interfere with the performance of our mission on Cyprus. If you are in a position to cause the authorities on Cyprus to be more keenly aware of the necessity for providing adequate protection for this station, I should be extremely grateful if you would take whatever action you deem necessary and appropriate to this end.

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Sincerely,

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